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June 28, 2013

Dear Reader and Interested Citizen:

Addendum No. 41 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Update, issued on June 28, 2013, has been prepared by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services. This addendum provides additional environmental information on the anticipated impacts from the proposed code amendments creating a countywide transfer of development rights (TDR) program.

This addendum adds further information to the analysis contained in the DEIS and the FEIS to the 10-Year Update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2005. The document contains additional environmental information related to the proposed amendments to the land use chapter of the GPP. It does not identify detailed project impacts. Specific project actions will require further detailed environmental review as they are considered for implementation.

The next review of the proposed countywide TDR code amendments will occur at a public briefing and a public hearing before the Snohomish County Council later this summer. The proposed amendments and other related documents may be accessed through the Planning and Development Services website.

We invite you to comment on these proposed amendments during the County Council review process. If you have any questions concerning this addendum or the proposed amendments, please contact Steve Skorney at (425) 388-3311 ext. 2207.

Sincerely,

Clay White, Director
Planning and Development Services

**ADDENDUM NO. 41
TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
GMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
10-YEAR UPDATE**

**Creating a Countywide Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program by
Adding and Amending Sections of Title 30 to Implement Adopted
Countywide TDR Comprehensive Plan Policies**

Prepared Consistent with

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30



Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

Date of Issuance: June 28, 2013

FACT SHEET

Project Title:	Adopting GMA regulations that would create a countywide Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program.
Proposed Non-Project Action:	The proposed non-project action is the adoption by the Snohomish County Council of amendments to Title 30 of Snohomish County Code creating countywide TDR regulations by adding and amending Chapter 30.35A and repealing Chapter 30.35B.
Purpose of the EIS Addendum:	<p>This addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not result in any new significant adverse environmental impacts and does not change the analysis or the conclusions of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county's GMACP within the previously issued SEPA documents dated May 5, 2004, (Draft EIS) and December 13, 2005, (Final EIS).</p> <p>This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, meet Snohomish County's environmental review needs for the current proposed amendments.</p>
Description of Proposal:	Consider proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Code to implement recently adopted countywide TDR policies and to consolidate all TDR programs into chapter 30.35A SCC including the new countywide regulations, the current pilot program and the current council motion sending area designation process.
Location of Proposal:	Unincorporated Snohomish County.
Action Sponsor Lead Agency:	Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604 Everett, Washington 98201-4066
Required Approval Review:	Snohomish County Council – adoption of ordinance Washington State Department of Commerce – coordination of state comments
Circulation and Comment:	This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of the previously issued Draft and Final EIS for the 10-Year Update of the GMA Comprehensive Plan as required by WAC 197-11-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

**The EIS Addendum
is available by
contacting:**

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3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S #604
Everett, Washington 98201
Phone: (425) 388-3311 ext. 2207

Proposed Addendum No. 41 is also available for viewing at the Planning and Technology Division of the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services (County Administration Building West, 2nd Floor) and on the county's website. Visit www.snoco.org and type "*Plans and Reports*" in the search box and select Environmental Documents.

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**Responsible
Official:**

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Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clay White', written over a horizontal line.

Clay White, Director

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview:

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in 2005 for the GMA Comprehensive Plan, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The county published the EIS for the county's updated GMA Comprehensive Plan in 2005, in accordance with the review cycle required by the Growth Management Act (GMA). The Draft EIS was issued on May 5, 2004, and the Final EIS was issued on December 13, 2005. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, energy and natural resources, environmental health, population and employment, land and shoreline use, transportation, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum

The proposed code amendments will not change any existing land uses or their impacts. The proposed code amendments will, if enacted, provide a voluntary incentive program to conserve designated farm and forest land. Additional environmental review will occur if program implementation will result in substantive environmental impacts.

According to the SEPA Rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the GMA Comprehensive Plan EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the county's SEPA responsibility. The GMA Comprehensive Plan EIS evaluated plan alternatives, impacts and mitigation measures that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum.

No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county's EIS for the 10-Year Update are expected to occur. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this addendum or other published documents have analyzed such changes.

Distribution List

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Department of Health
Department of Social and Health Services
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Department of Transportation, Northwest Region

Regional Agencies and Interest Groups

Puget Sound Water Quality Authority
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency

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Snohomish County Agencies and Interest Groups

Snohomish County Department of Public Works
Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department
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Picnic Point Community
Silver Lake Homeowners
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League of Women Voters

Cities

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Town of Index
City of Lynnwood
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City of Mountlake Terrace
City of Snohomish
City of Sultan
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School Districts

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Edmonds School District #15
Granite Falls School District
Marysville School District
Stanwood School District
Lakewood School District
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Snohomish School District

Fire Districts & Ports

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Fire District 5 Sultan
Fire District 8 Lake Stevens
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Port of Edmonds

Neighboring Planning Departments

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Skagit County Planning Dept.

Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
Thomas Lake Homeowners
North Creek Rural Areas
Smart Growth Campaign
Agriculture Tomorrow

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Town of Darrington
City of Everett
City of Granite Falls
City of Lake Stevens
City of Marysville
City of Monroe
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Darrington School District
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Fire District 4 Snohomish
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Fire District 15 Tulalip
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Tribes

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Utilities

Alderwood Water District
Lake Stevens Sewer District
Olympic View Water and Sewer District
Silver Lake Water and Sewer
Olympus Terrace Sewer District
Highland Water Assn.
Seven Lakes Water Assn.
Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.
Puget Sound Energy

Cross Valley Water District
King County-METRO
Mukilteo Water District
Cedar Lane Water Assn.
Comcast
Roosevelt Water Assn.
Three Lakes Water Assn.
Snohomish County PUD No. 1
Cascade Natural Gas

Newspapers

The Herald
Lake Stevens Journal
Seattle Times-North Bureau
Arlington Times
Marysville Globe
Mill Creek Enterprise
The Edmonds Paper

Monroe Monitor
Citizen Newspaper
Enterprise Newspaper
Seattle PI
Snohomish County Tribune
North Snohomish Weekly

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